



**MidPenn Legal Services
Centre County Office
2018-2019 Fact Sheet**



MidPenn is free civil legal aid. We are a legal emergency room for the poor. We provide advice and counsel to help very low-income families solve problems and get back on track.

Case Types: We handle critical civil matters: child custody, domestic violence, housing, elder law, public benefits and consumer. We do not handle criminal cases.

Mission: MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis.

Vision: We seek orderly resolutions for poor families with critical legal problems. We protect personal safety, stabilize housing, secure income, and obtain health care for those with nowhere else to turn.

Centre County Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	136,757	162,805
Residents below the poverty level*	16.75%	18.4%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	5.1%	6.7%
Poverty Population*	25,361	26,287

**Centre County Residents Eligible for
Legal Aid**
(at 125% of poverty level)
31,144

*The U.S. Census Bureau excludes institutionalized people, people in military group quarters, college dorms and unrelated individuals under 15 years old when calculating poverty rates

Centre County Fiscal Year 18-19 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	33	8	41	10%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	156	4	160	35%
Housing	94	0	94	21%
Public Benefits	62	0	62	17%
Consumer	34	8	42	8%
Employment/Expungement	8	1	9	2%
Other	18	3	21	5%
TOTAL	405	24	429	100.00%

**5,249 hours spent on cases.
624 residents in Centre County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.
\$441,202.08 in savings and economic benefits to Centre County clients and their communities.**

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